

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

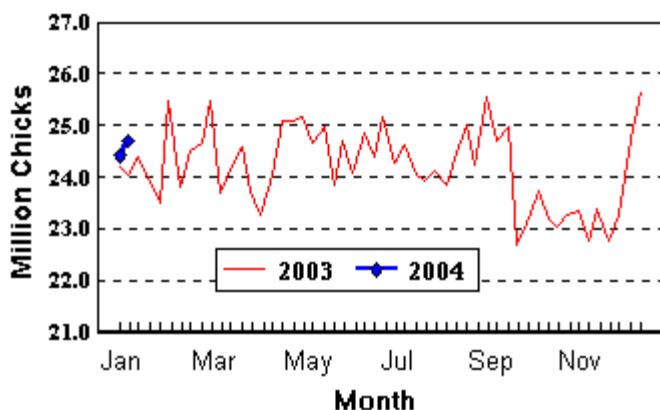
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending January 10, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 1 percent from the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 27, 2003 through January 10, 2004 were 49.2 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.3 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.2 percent.

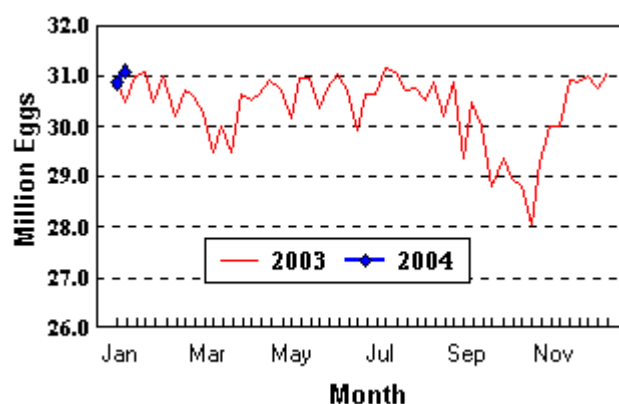
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 10, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002-2003	2003-2004	% Change	2002-2003	2003-2004	% Change	2002-2003	2003-2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 6	23,291	22,786	98	24,209	24,832	103	29,336	30,882	105
Dec. 13	24,762	23,280	94	24,415	25,142	103	30,240	30,992	102
Dec. 20	23,254	24,764	106	24,244	25,552	105	30,054	30,777	102
Dec. 27	23,721	25,698	108	24,193	25,519	105	29,870	31,091	104
Jan. 3	24,244	24,457	101	24,836	25,455	102	30,873	30,893	100
Jan. 10	24,081	24,747	103	24,771	25,312	102	30,485	31,084	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003-2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	20-Dec	27-Dec	03-Jan	10-Jan		06-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	03-Jan	10-Jan	
Alabama	29,084 *	29,725	29,693	29,586	105	21,822	21,878	21,230	21,883	21,775	21,719	103
ARKANSAS	30,777	31,091	30,893	31,084	102	22,786	23,280	24,764	25,698	24,457	24,747	103
Delaware	3,777	3,696	3,678	3,749	111	4,892	4,689	4,857	4,230	4,201	4,467	84
Florida	1,353	1,353	1,329	1,348	86	1,644	1,420	1,827	1,703	1,736	1,622	108
Georgia	32,513 *	32,909	33,440	32,700	105	24,940 *	24,681 *	25,971	25,972 *	26,469 *	24,882	103
Kentucky	6,786	6,732 *	6,626 *	6,586	99	5,432	5,849	5,845 *	5,509 *	5,885 *	5,715	106
Maryland	8,884	8,793	8,858	8,869	89	5,299	5,942	6,101	6,495	6,470	6,113	110
Mississippi	19,182	18,908	19,073	19,115	102	15,738	15,804	16,328	16,463	16,528	16,012	105
N. Carolina	17,890 *	17,187	17,861	18,192	98	14,550	14,354	14,608	13,481	14,162	14,017	98
Oklahoma	6,442	6,213	6,263	6,394	100	5,858	5,512	4,383	3,879	5,505	4,995	118
Pennsylvania	3,745	3,838	3,754 *	3,774	115	2,663	2,700	2,650	2,642	2,523 *	2,592	103
S. Carolina	3,517	3,614	3,659	3,690	78	4,273	3,842	4,469	3,928	3,776	4,437	124
Texas	14,588 *	14,638 *	14,328 *	14,695	100	12,030	12,292	12,356	11,822	11,457	11,982	103
Virginia	6,325	6,174	6,220	6,273	99	5,822	5,285	5,131	4,896	5,386	4,981	97
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	20,554 *	20,461 *	20,671 *	20,481	106	19,874 *	19,233 *	19,328 *	18,899 *	18,000 *	18,716	102
Total 2003-2004	205,417 *	205,332 *	206,346 *	206,536		167,623 *	166,761 *	169,848 *	167,500 *	168,330 *	166,997	
Total 2003	200,056	201,018	204,119	203,492		161,841	163,147	164,898	162,414	164,413	162,132	
%Prev. Year	103	102	101	101		104	102	103	103	102	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						24-Jan	31-Jan	07-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 207 million eggs during the week ending January 10, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 10, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 27, 2003 through January 10, 2004 were 335 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.